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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

#### SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

In re:	) CASE NO. 04-07260-H7
RUSSELL W. MILLARD and ROBBIE LYNN MILLARD,	) ADVERSARY CASE 04-90497-H7
Debtors.	) MEMORANDUM DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO
RALPH SHAPE, TRUSTEE OF THE JEAN E. BARBER FAMILY REVOCABLE TRUST,	) FILE SUPPLEMENTAL ) DECLARATIONS AND ) MEMORANDUM OF ) CONTENTIONS OF FACT ) AND LAW
Plaintiff,	)
v.	
RUSSELL W. MILLARD,	)
Defendant.	<u>'</u>

Complaint to Determine Dischargeability under § 523(a)(2), (a)(4) and (a)(6) of Title 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code was filed on November 16, 2004.

The first pretrial status conference was held on June 3, 2005, at which time the Court continued the status conference to December 16, 2005, and set a discovery cut-off date of November 21, 2005.

The December 2005 status conference was continued by

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stipulation to February 3, 2006, at which time this Court set the matter for trial on May 16, 17 and 18, 2006, and ordered that all declarations in lieu of direct testimony be filed by April 21, 2006, and that each side file its points and authorities by May 5, 2006, with any replies due by May 12, 2006.

This Court continued the trial dates to June 27, 28 and 29, 2006, and then at the request of the parties, who were pursuing settlement discussions and/or mediation, continued the trial dates to September 26, 27 and 28, 2006.

In the instant motion, Defendant contends that each of the parties takes a different position as to which party has the burden of proof under 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(4). Defendant now seeks leave to file a supplement to his declarations and his points and authorities.

Real party in interest, Jean Barber, who is confined to an assistant living facility, opposes, arguing that the additional declarations will increase the cost of litigation.

The complaint was filed in November 2004. Defendant had just about one year to conduct all of its discovery. set the matter originally for trial on May 18, 2006, and issued its written Order Regulating Pretrial Proceedings and Fixing Date for Trial on February 6, 2006. Defendant agreed to all the terms of this Court's order at the February 3, 2006, status conference.

In summary, Defendant has had more than ample time to research the pertinent applicable law and to prepare his case for trial. Accordingly, Defendant's Emergency Motion is denied.

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Dated: July 28, 2006

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#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 325 West F Street, San Diego, California 92101-6991

In re: Bankruptcy Case No. 04-07260-H7 Adversary Case No. 04-90497-H7

#### **CERTIFICATE OF MAILING**

The undersigned, a regularly appointed and qualified clerk in the office of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of California, at San Diego, hereby certifies that a true copy of the attached document, to wit:

# MEMORANDUM DENYING DEFENDANT'S REQUEST TO FILE SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATIONS AND MEMORANDUM OF CONTENTIONS OF FACT AND LAW

was enclosed in a sealed envelope bearing the lawful frank of the bankruptcy judges and mailed to each of the parties at their respective addresses listed below:

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Judicial Assistant to the Honorable John J. Hargrove